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PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BOURNE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: UN, OCON, SENV  
SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE - SEVENTH DAY

1. SUMMARY. /PLENARY MET FOR ONLY MORNING SESSION  
AND COMMITTEE I CONCLUDED WORK IN AFTERNOON WITH  
ADOPTION OF REVISED ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON WATER  
SUPPLY (SEPTTEL). COMMITTEE II HOPES TO FINISH WITH LATE  
EVENING SESSION.

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2. COMMITTEE I COMPLETED ITS  
WORK ON CONSOLIDATED ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS. AFTER  
HEARING NGO STATEMENT URGING MORE R & D ON DRY HUMAN  
SANITATION SYSTEMS FOR LDCS, COMMITTEE APPROVED WITHOUT  
SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE UK/UNIDO TEXT UNDER INDUSTRIAL  
WATER USE ON DATA BASE AND INFO DISSEMINATION; WORKING  
GROUP REDRAFT ON INLAND NAVIGATION AND FISHERIES

(US PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY ON THIS NEPAL-LED WORKING GROUP) AND SLIGHTLY MODIFIED INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH TO OVER-ALL WATER USE AND EFFICIENCY SECTION. ON FISHERIES, US SUGGESTED INCLUDING SEPARATE SECTION STRESSING ROLE OF INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUA CULTURE IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT. WITH MINOR REVISION, COMMITTEE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTIVES URUGUAY ET AL RESOLUTION ON WATER CONSERVATION. IN AFTERNOON COMMITTEE CONCLUDED WORK, ADOPTING EXTENSIVELY AMENDED ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION (SEPTEL). ALSO ADOPTED IRAN, GHANA ET AL WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION ESSENTIALLY AS DRAFTED. RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS WILL GO INTO REPORT AND BE SENT DIRECTLY TO PLENARY.

3. COMMITTEE II DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON ISSUES OF POLICY, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AT NATIONAL LEVEL. US DELEGATION SUCCESSFULLY INSERTED WORDING (A) REGARDING PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN MANUFACTURE OF PVC AND ASBESTON WICH WERE AMONG ITEMS PROMOTED IN DRAFT. ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND (B) PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FLOOD DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INCLUDING PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES. ACTION LIVENED IN DISCUSSION OF ACTION AT REGIONAL LEVEL. HEATED DISCUSSION OCCURRED OVER USE OF TERM "SHARED WATERS" RATHER THAN "BOUNDARY WATERS" ENDING WITH COMPROMISE ACCEPTING THE FORMER WITH FOOTNOTE REFERRING TO LATTER. USDEL SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON PREVENTION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TIGATION OF WATER-BORNE DISEASES AMONG THOSE TO BE ORGANIZED FOR SHARED WATERS. BANGLADESH, IRAQ AND PAKISTAN PROPOSED PROVISION THAT IN ABSENCE OF SHARED WATER AGREEMENT, COUNTRIES SHOULD "ENDEAVOR NOT TO START" MAJOR WORKS OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON OTHER COUNTRIES BUT WERE OPPOSED BY INDIA AND OTHERS.

4. A PROLONGED DEBATE OVER A PROPOSED SUBPARAGRAPH ON THE QUESTION OF "PRIOR CONSULTATION" BEFORE ANY MAJOR UNILATERAL DEVELOPMENT OF A SHARED WATER RESOURCE BEGAN A CHAOTIC AFTERNOON SESSION IN COMMITTEE II. SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL WAS BASED ON UPSTREAM/ DOWNSTREAM CHARACTER OF STATE, AND IMPASSE FINALLY RESOLVED THROUGH A VOTE ON A MEXICAN COMPROMISE SUBSTITUTE READING APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SHARED WATER RESOURCES SHOULD BE UTILIZED AND DEVELOPED, SHARING COUNTRIES SHOULD EXCHANGE RELEVANT

INFORMATION UPON WHICH THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THOSE RESOURCES CAN BE BASED IN ORDER TO AVOID FORSEEABLE DAMAGES." USDEL VOTED IN FAVOR OF PARA WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 27 TO 19, WITH 25 ABSTENTIONS. SECTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON "INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION" DISCUSSED WITH EXPECTATION BANGLADESH PROPOSAL AND POSSIBLY THE PROPOSED OCCUPIED TERRITORIES RESOLUTION WILL BE REACHED AT RESUMEED SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.

5. WEO GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DUTCH MET INFORMALLY. A SINGLE OPEN-ENDED CONTACT GROUP TO HANDLE BOTH INSTITUTIONS AND FUNDAMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED AT REQUEST OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENT WITH JANKOWITSCH (AUSTRIA) TO CHAIR.

6. PLENARY, WHICH MET ONLY IN AM, PROVIDED DIVERSE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENTAL AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL STATEMENTS. GREECE AND HAITI SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF FUND. ANGOLA STRESSED RIGHT OF ALL NATIONS TO CONTROL EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. MEXICO HIGHLIGHTED NEED FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND KUWAIT, SRI LANKA STRESSED LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR DESALTING AND IRRIGATION. IVORY COAST AND HOLY SEE STRESSED COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY. IDB AND ARGENTINE-URUGUAYAN JOINT TECHNICAL COMMISSION ON SALTO GRANDE REPORTED ON THEIR PROGRAMS. 7. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUES IN PLENARY WEDNESDAY MORNING FOLLOWED BY RECEIPT AND DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS. RAWLS

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